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(1) RICHARD H. MCFARLANE

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In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned, each of the undersigned assigns, transfers and sets over unto

(4) Insert Name(s) of Assignee

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(hereinafter designated as the Assignee), its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest for the United States, its territories, dependencies and possessions, in and to the invention known as

(6) Insert Identification of Invention,

(6) Serial No. 09/859,009 - Filed MAY 16, 2001
Serial No. 10/120,895 - Filed APRIL 11, 2002
PCT Appl. Serial No. PCT/US01/16181
PENETRATING TIP FOR TROCAR ASSEMBLY

for which the undersigned has (have) executed an application for patent in the United states of America on

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Date 11-05-02 Name of Inventor  (SEAL)
RICHARD H. MCFARLANE

Date _____ Name of Inventor _____ (SEAL)

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SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN - SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Applicant or Patentee: RICHARD H. MCFARLANE Attorney: _____
Serial or Patent No.: _____ Docket No.: 1.884/1.884-A/4.117.01

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For: PENETRATING TIP FOR TROCAR ASSEMBLY

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
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- the owner of the small business concern identified below:
- an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN Taut, Inc.
 ADDRESS OF CONCERN _____

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled PENETRATING TIP FOR TROCAR ASSEMBLY by inventor(s) Richard H. McFarlane described in:

- the specification filed herewith 10/120,895 filed on April 11, 2002
- application serial no. 09/859,009, filed May 16, 2001
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Enclosed herewith for recordation is the Recordation Form
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Very truly yours,



Jennie S. Malloy
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